





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND DR. EGGMAN CAME TO OUR WORLD WHEN ONE OF THE DOCTOR'S MACHINES BACKFIRED! SONIC HAS BECOME A WORLDWIDE HERO! DOCTOR EGGMAN IS USUALLY HIS ENEMY, BUT TONIGHT, HE'S DISGUISED AS LUCHADOR EL GRAN GORDO!

WHAT HAPPENED, EL GRAN GORDO? EARLIER TONIGHT, WE WATCHED YOU WIN THE CHAMPION BELT! \*



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I HAD JUST CONQUERED  
ANDES THE GINORMOUS  
AND WAS FULL OF CONFIDENCE. I DECIDED TO  
CONTINUE MY WINNING  
STREAK AND TAKE  
DOWN THAT HAND-  
SOME GENIUS  
DOCTOR EGGMAN.



I KNEW BECAUSE  
OF HIS CLINNING-  
NESS, HE WOULD  
BE A DIFFICULT  
FOE, BUT I WAS  
SURE I COULD  
DEFEAT HIM. I  
APPROACHED HIS  
TOWER BASE  
BRAZENLY...



DOCTOR EGGMAN'S  
DEFENSES WERE  
FIERCE AND MANY!  
I FOUGHT BRAVELY  
AND USED EVERY  
TECHNIQUE I  
KNEW. I BESTED  
MANY A ROBOT...



BUT IT WAS TOO  
MUCH! I HAD TO  
MAKE A TACTICAL  
RETREAT SO I  
COULD COME  
HERE AND FIND  
HELP.





DON'T YOU WORRY, GRAN GORDO. I'M SURE I'VE GOT SOMETHING IN MY LAB THAT CAN HELP YOU!



WHILE YOU GUYS PLAN YOUR ATTACK, I'LL SHOW YOU MY SCRAP-BOOK! IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!




AND AFTER THAT, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH MY YEAR-BOOK TOGETHER. I KNOW WE WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!




ALL RIGHT, EGGMAN. WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?









I BARELY BEAT THAT  
ANDES OAF IN THE  
FIGHT. I WAS TIRED,  
AND JUST WANTED  
TO GO HOME.



I'D FORGOTTEN  
I'D BUILT A ROBOT  
TO LOOK LIKE ME.  
BOKKUN WAS  
SUPPOSED TO USE  
IT TO PRETEND TO  
BE ME SO I COULD  
BE EL GRAN GORDO  
AGAIN.



BUT HE DIDN'T  
STOP PLAYING  
THE PART! I  
WAS BRANDED  
AN INTRUDER  
AND WAS  
ATTACKED  
ON MY OWN  
DOORSTEP!



THERE'S NO  
WAY I CAN  
BREAK INTO  
MY BASE ON  
MY OWN. SO  
I CAME TO...  
YOU.



THAT'S MORE  
LIKE IT. I'LL  
HELP YOU ONLY  
IF YOU PROMISE  
TO NEVER BE  
GRAN GORDO  
AGAIN.

FINE.  
EXTORTIONIST.

WITH THAT  
SETTLED--  
LET'S GO  
INVADE A  
BASE!

AWW!

MUST  
YOU  
GO SO  
SOON?

I WISH  
I COULD STAY,  
SEÑORITA.  
BUT EVIL  
WILL NOT  
WAIT FOR  
PLEASANTRIES.  
I WE MUST  
PRISA!

YEAH!  
GO GET  
HIM, GRAN  
GORDO!

COME  
ALONG,  
HEDGEHOG.  
WE HAVE  
TO MAKE  
PREPARA-  
TIONS.

"PREPARATIONS"  
?

IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
HELP ME,  
YOU HAVE  
TO DO IT  
RIGHT.





SOON...

HERE WE ARE. ARE YOU READY, SIDE-KICK?

NO.

I LOOK RIDICULOUS, AND DON'T CALL ME YOUR "SIDE-KICK."

NONSENSE! YOU MAKE A FINE LUCHADOR!

SO--HOW ARE WE GETTING IN?

I'M HOPING THEY THINK THEY DROVE ME OFF FOR A WHILE AND HAVE LET THEIR GUARD DOWN. SO WE SNEAK IN.

FOLLOW ME, CHUM!

DON'T CALL ME "CHUM"!



DO YOU  
NEED A HAND  
WITH THAT,  
DOCTOR  
EGGMAN?

ERM... NO,  
BOCOE.  
I'M FINE.  
ARE YOU,  
UH, WORKING  
HARD?



OH, YES, SIR.  
WE'RE FOLLOWING  
YOUR ORDERS  
TO THE  
LETTER.



MY  
ORDERS?  
I MEAN--  
OF COURSE,  
MY  
ORDERS!  
CARRY  
ON!



YES!



THIS IS  
WONDERFUL!  
WITH BOKKUN AS  
THE DOCTOR, WE  
GET A FREE  
VACATION!

ALL  
BOKKUN  
DOES IS EAT  
JUNK FOOD!  
WE CAN DO  
ANYTHING WE  
WANT!

BREED  
BREED  
BREED

ALERT

UH-  
OH.

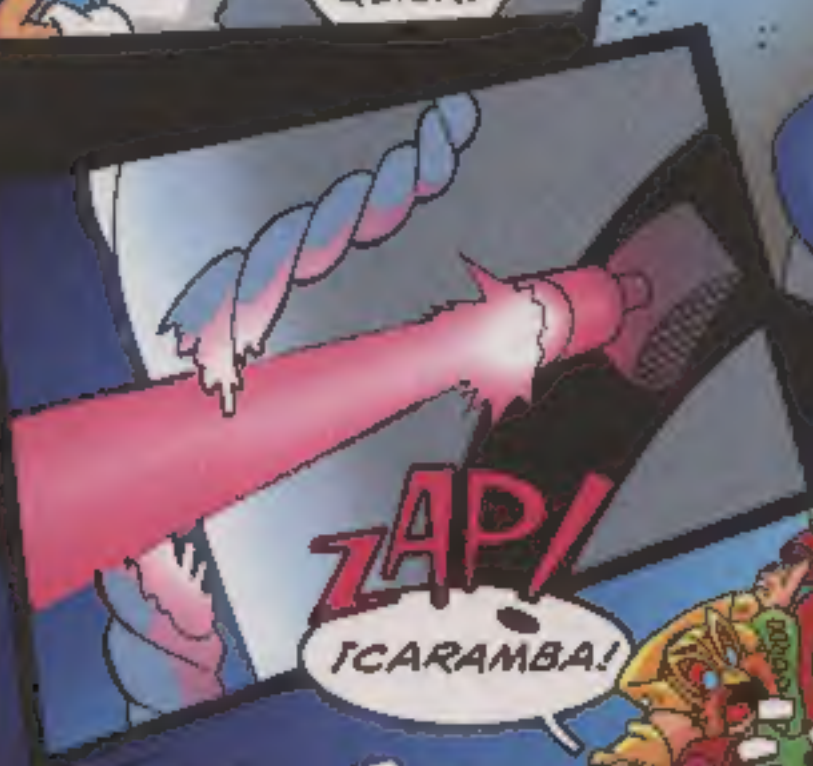
HE'S BACK  
ALREADY!  
AND WHO'S  
THE LITTLE  
GUY WITH  
HIM?

I DON'T  
KNOW...

...BUT IT  
IS OUR DUTY  
TO PROTECT  
"DR. EGGMAN"  
AND THIS BASE!  
LAUNCHING  
DEFENSES!

OH,  
BOY!







BLAST IT ALL!  
THAT WAS MY  
ONLY ROPE

RELAX, DOC.  
I'VE GOT A PLAN.  
I JUST NEED A  
RUNNING  
START

ZOOOOO!!!

A  
RUNNING  
START  
...?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!  
NO!  
**STOP!**

WOO-HOO!  
DON'T STOP!  
WEEEEE!

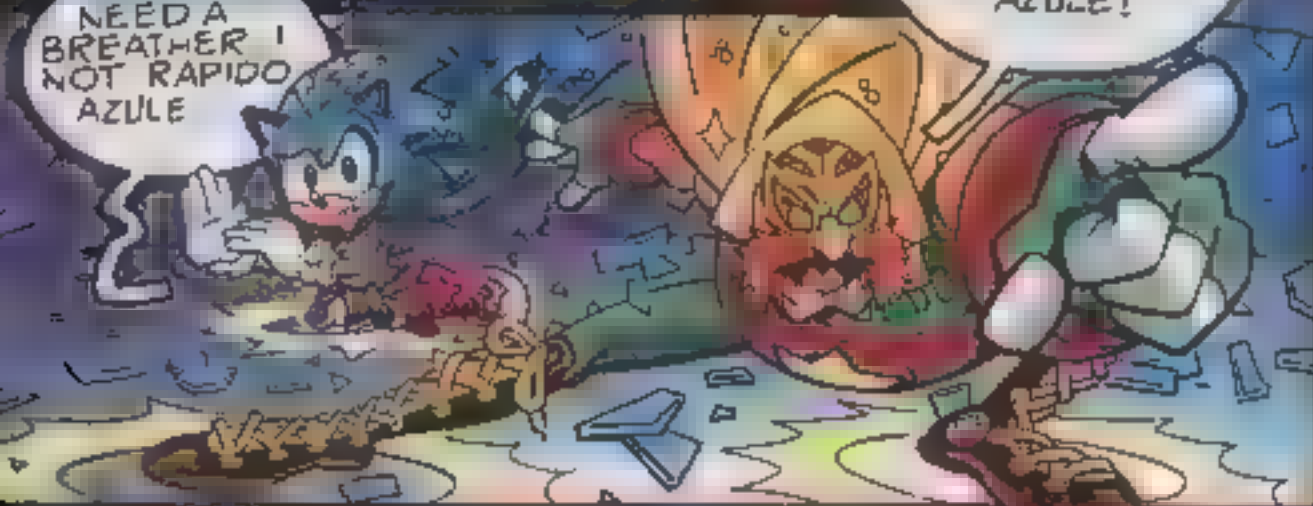


# CRASH!



THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN STOP EL GRAN GORDO AND EL RAPIDO AZULE!

NEED A BREATHER I NOT RAPIDO AZULE



YOU'VE DONE WELL TO MAKE IT THIS FAR, DOUBLE-G.


BUT YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE DOCTOR EGGMAN'S FORCES!



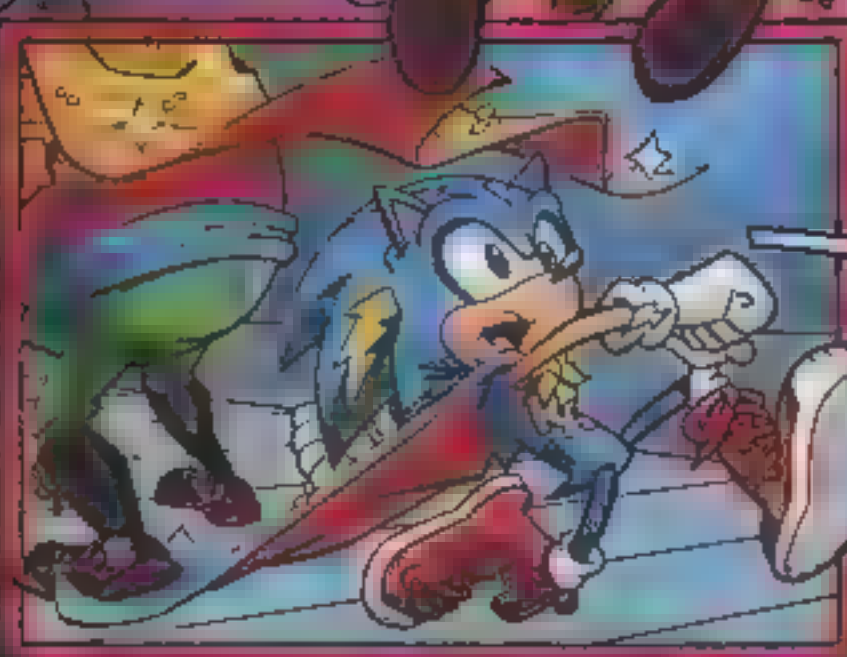
GO, BADNIK ARMY!









WE CAN  
DO THIS,  
RAPIDO AZULE!  
USE YOUR  
LUCHADOR  
TRAINING!



ACK! I  
DON'T HAVE  
LUCHADOR  
TRAINING!



RFFT! HOW  
DO YOU FIGHT  
IN THIS THING?  
AND STOP CALLING  
ME "RAPIDO AZULE!"  
I DIDN'T AGREE TO  
THAT!



HAHAHA  
HAHAHA!

FIGHT ALL  
YOU WANT,  
LUCHADORS!

RESISTANCE  
IS FUTILE!



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ENOUGH, ALREADY!  
IT'S ME, YOU BOLT-  
BRAINED BUFFOONS!

OH!  
O-OF  
COURSE!  
GO AWAY,  
BADNIK  
ARMY!


PARTY'S  
OVER!



HOW  
DARE YOU  
TURN MY OWN  
MARVELOUS  
MACHINES  
AGAINST THEIR  
MASTER?!

F-F-FORGIVE  
US, DR EGGMAN!  
YOUR COPY WAS  
JUST TOO  
BRILLIANTLY  
DESIGNED!

Y-Y-YEAH!  
AND YOUR  
GRAN GORDO  
COSTUME  
IS SO  
CONVINCING!



WELL, I AM A GENIUS  
I SUPPOSE YOU TWO  
DIDN'T STAND A  
CHANCE



THEN  
WHERE'S  
THE FAKE  
EGGMAN?

HE'S  
MOSTLY  
BEEN  
IN LAB  
FOURTEEN

WHAT?!  
**NO!**

THAT'S WHERE I  
WAS FINISHING THE  
E 73! HE BETTER  
NOT HAVE SCRATCHED  
MY EGG BABYLON!

NEW  
SUPER-  
WEAPON,  
HUH?  
SOUNDS  
LIKE  
FUN!

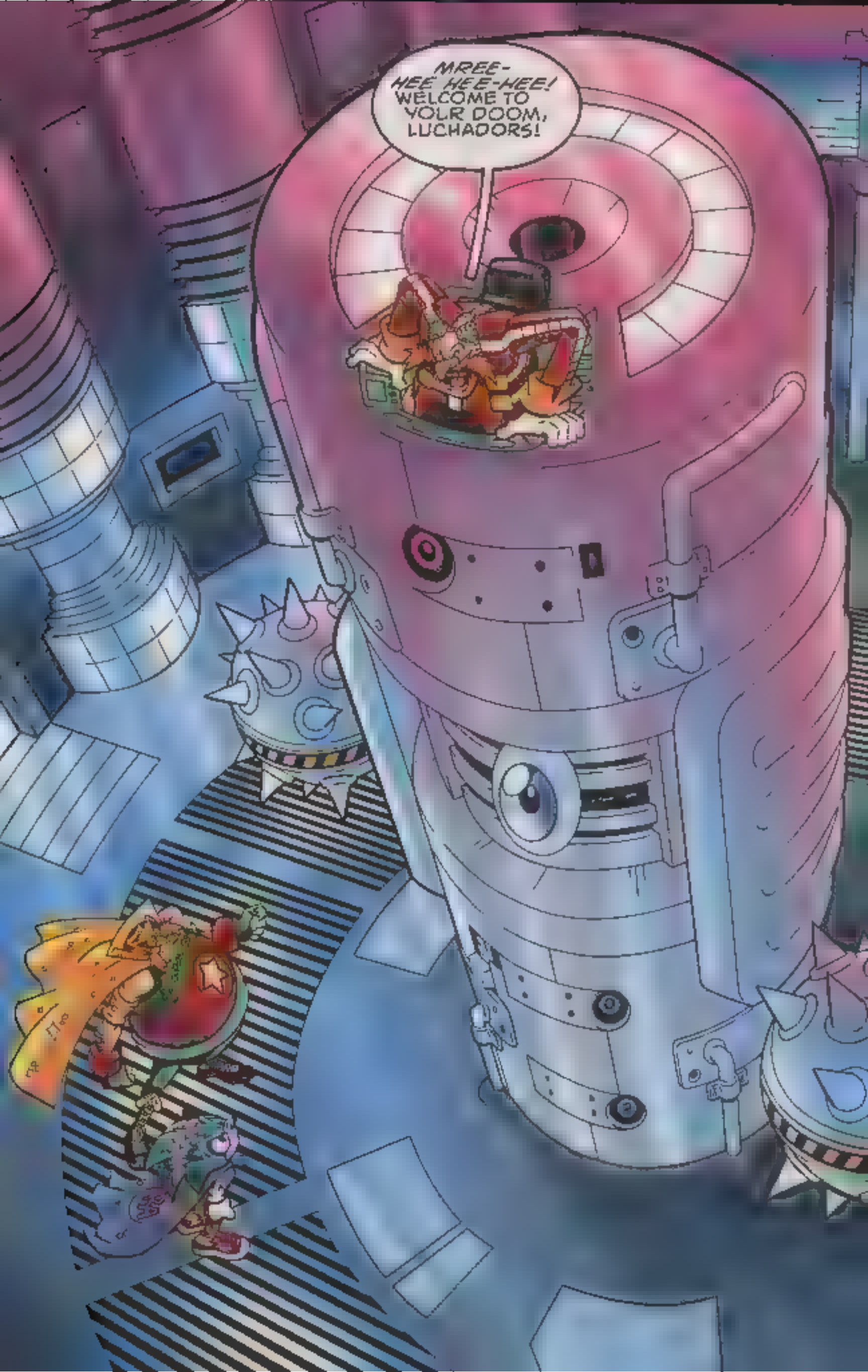
ER--I'LL TAKE IT  
FROM HERE! NO NEED  
FOR YOU TO SEE MY  
LNF NISHED-ER-  
PROJECT!

NUH-UH!  
I PROMISED  
TO HELP YOU.  
I'M NOT  
BACKING  
OUT NOW

GRRR...  
FINE  
BLT YOU'LL  
SPOIL THE  
SURPRISE FOR  
YOURSELF..



MREE-  
HEE HEE-HEE!  
WELCOME TO  
YOUR DOOM,  
LUCHADORS!







RAPIDO AZULE!

NOT ANYMORE!  
NOW LET ME RETURN THE FAVOR!

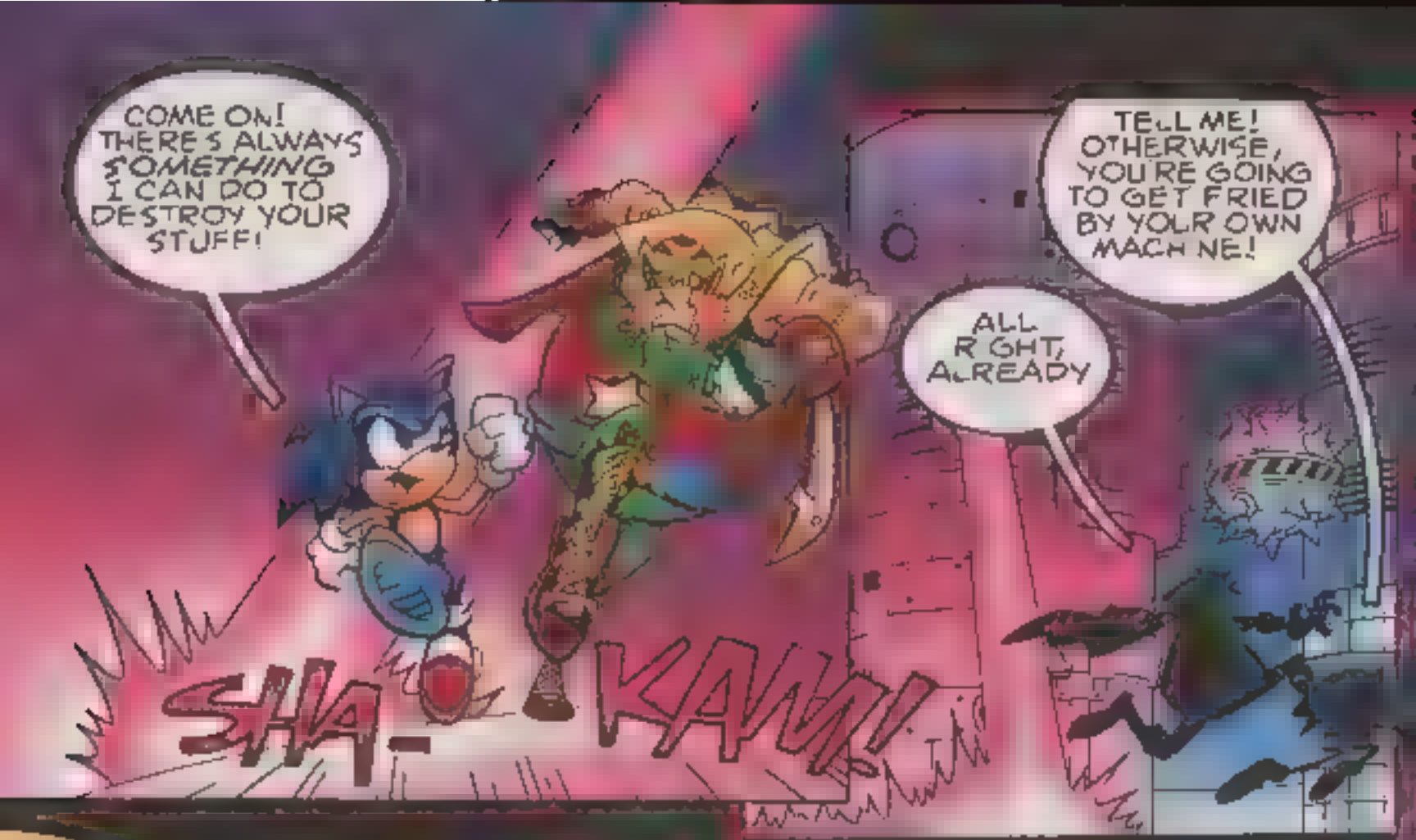


WOW, THAT ARMOR'S TOUGH! DOES THIS THING HAVE A WEAKNESS?

...








COME ON!  
THERE'S ALWAYS  
SOMETHING  
I CAN DO TO  
DESTROY YOUR  
STUFF!

TELL ME!  
OTHERWISE,  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO GET FRIED  
BY YOUR OWN  
MACHINE!

ALL  
RIGHT,  
ALREADY

SHIA-KAW!




THERE'S A NETWORK  
OF VENTS USED TO  
COOL ITS CORE.  
THEY RUN FROM THE  
COMMAND CENTER  
ALL THE WAY TO  
THE FLOOR.

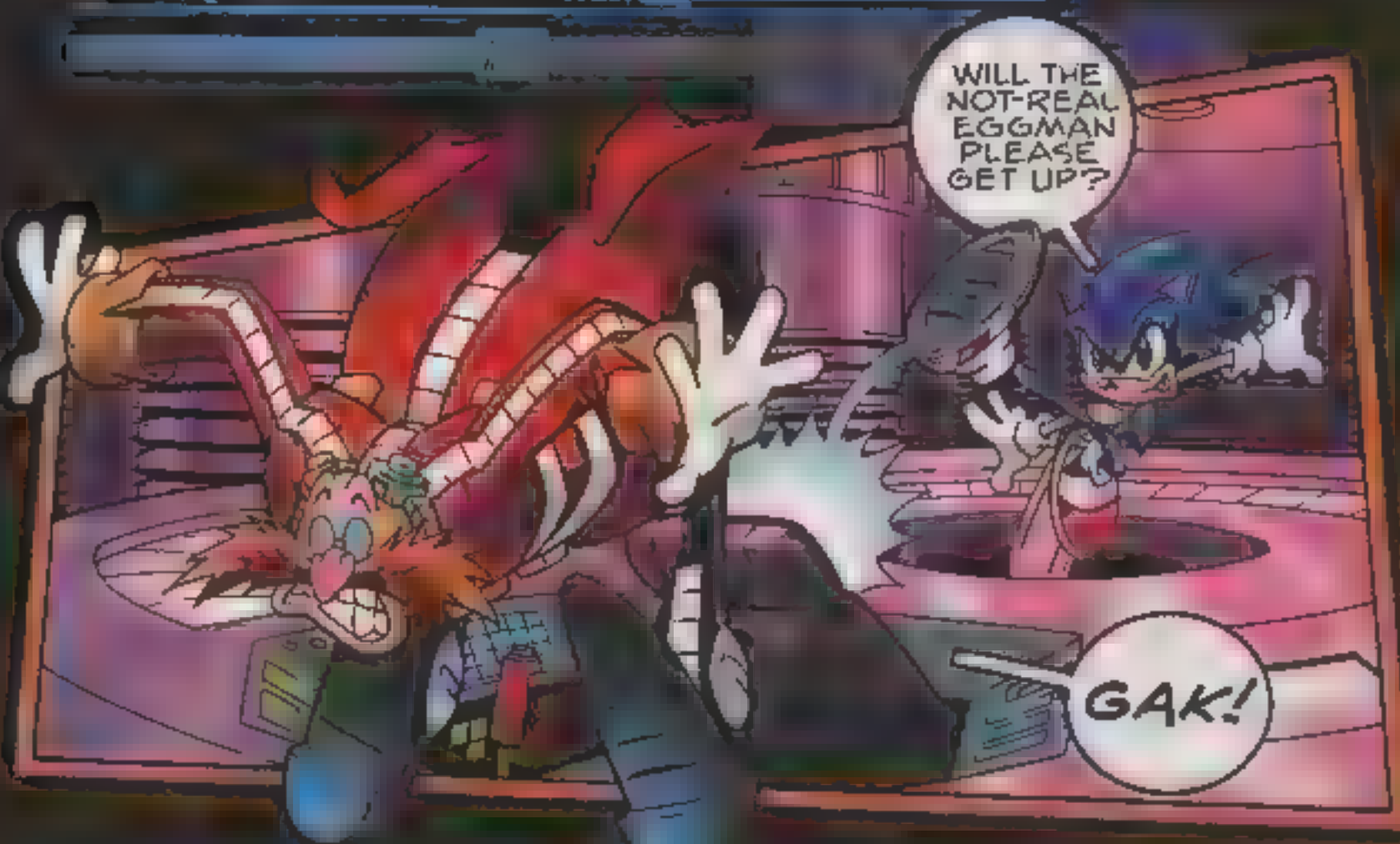
THANKS,  
DOC!  
THAT'S  
PERFECT!

DADDY'S  
SORRY!  
I DIDN'T WANT  
TO TELL THE  
MEAN HEDGEHOG  
YOUR SECRET!





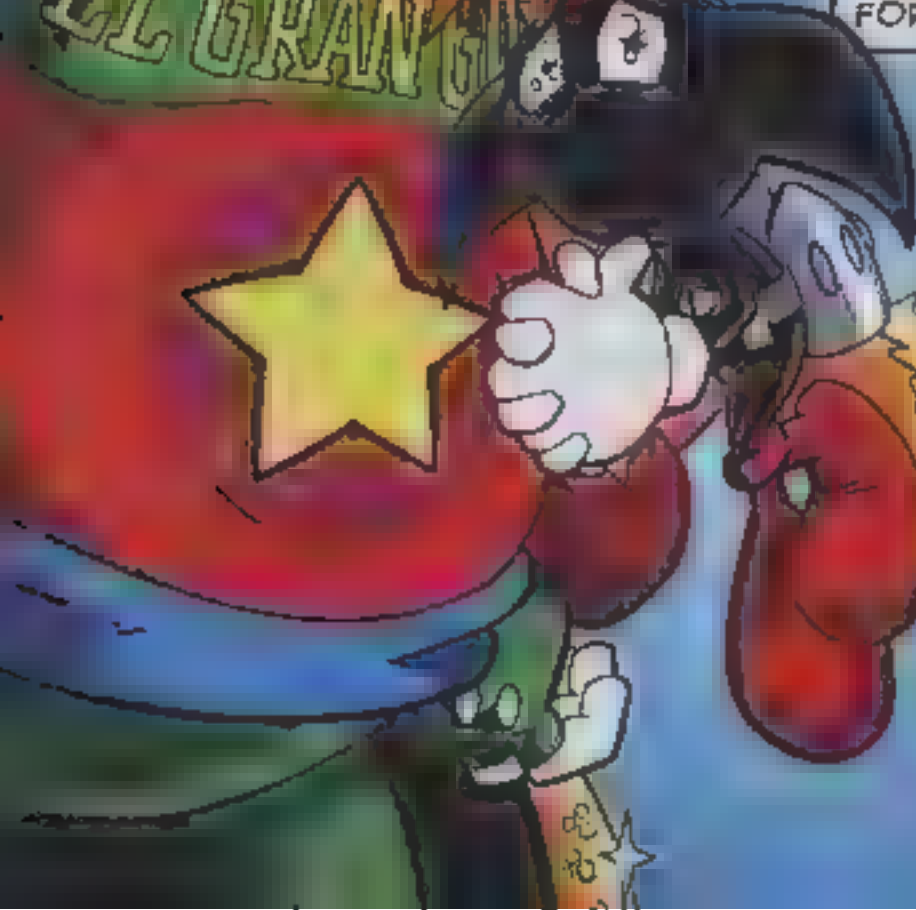
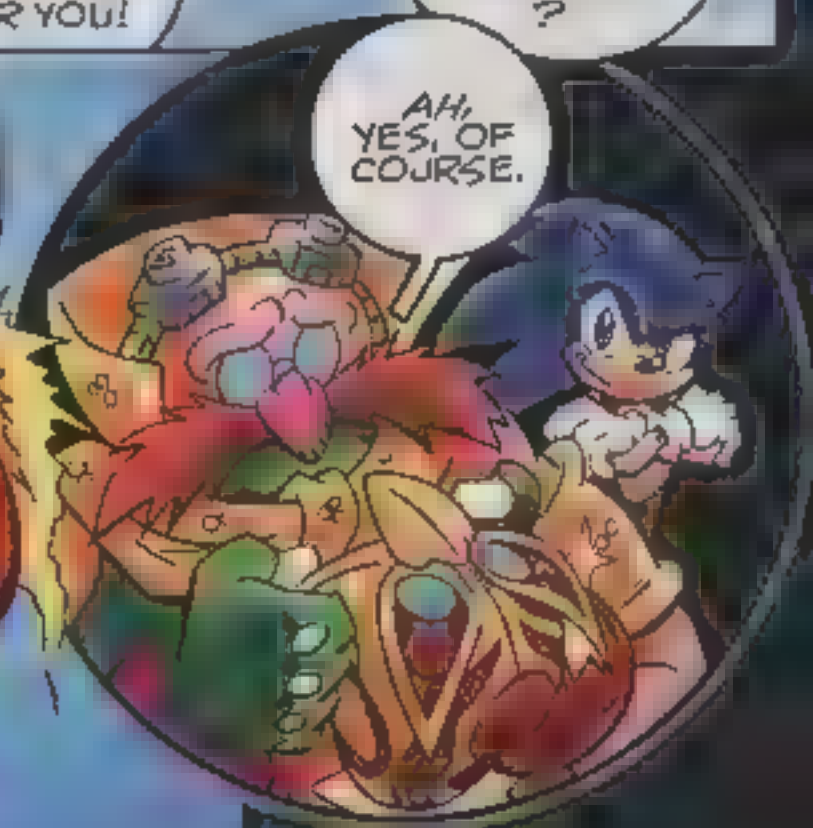
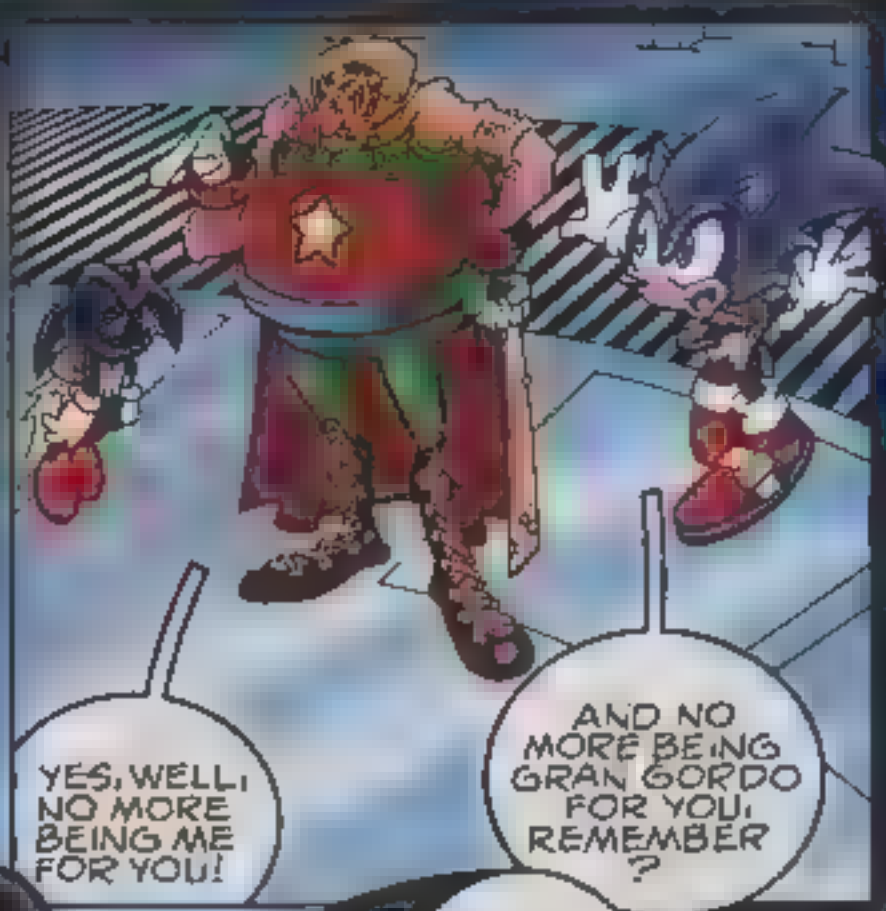
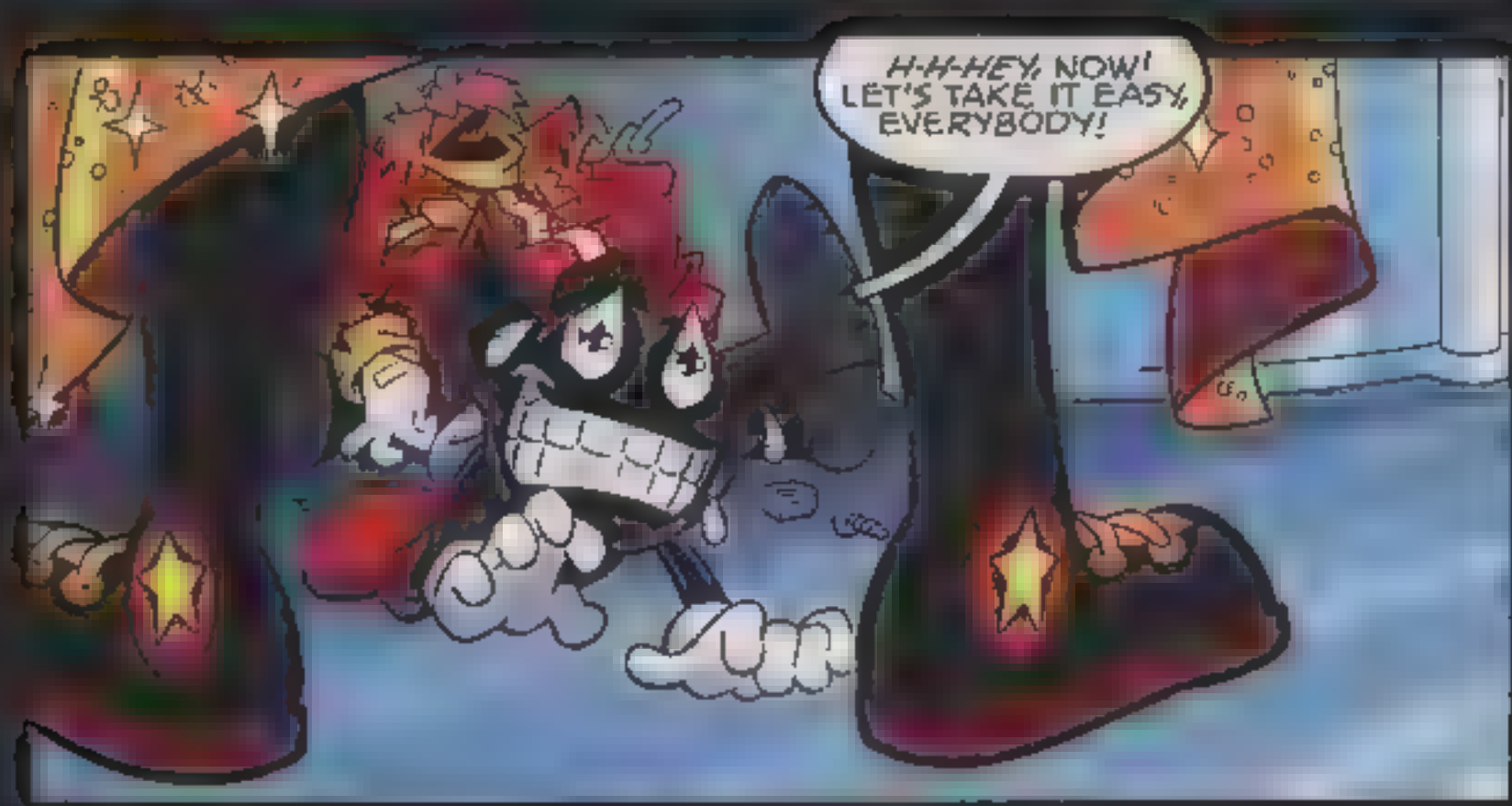
ONE  
TRASHED  
BOSS  
ROBOT,  
COMING  
UP!



WILL THE  
NOT-REAL  
EGGMAN  
PLEASE  
GET UP?

GAK!







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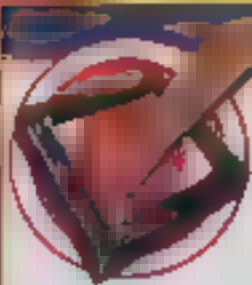
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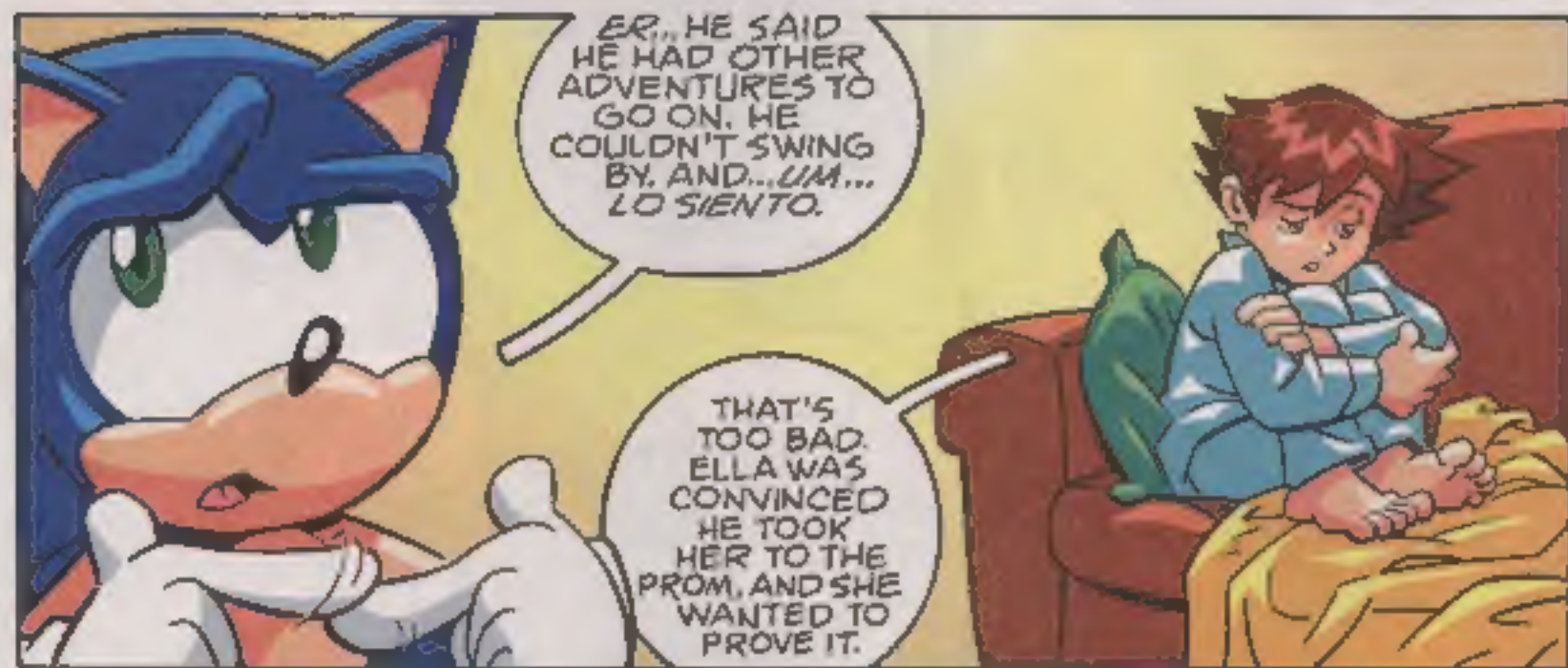


AND SO...

HEY,  
BUDDY!  
I'M  
BACK!

YAWN!:-

WELCOME  
BACK, SONIC.  
WHERE'S  
GRAN  
GORDO?







OH,  
WHY CAN'T  
I EVER  
HAVE MY  
CAKE AND  
EAT IT,  
TOO?



SO MUCH  
FOR OUR LITTLE  
VACATION.

IT'S LIKE  
ALL THE  
WORK WE  
DIDN'T DO  
THEN IS  
HAPPENING  
RIGHT NOW.



THAT'S  
BECAUSE IT IS!  
NOW QUIT BEING  
CRY-ROBOTS AND  
GET BACK TO  
CLEANING THIS  
PLACE UP!



Y-Y-YES,  
SIR.

SNAP

HA!  
STILL  
GOT  
IT!





AND SO ENDS THE LEGEND OF EL GRAN GORDO...OR DOES IT?  
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR "METEOR MADNESS" IN SONIC X NUMBER 33!  
AND UNTIL THEN, THERE'S ALWAYS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE SONIC ARCHIVES!



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Hope you all enjoyed El Gran Gordo's triumphant return!  
Now it's time to turn our attention to your letters...

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I have been reading Sonic X comics and in issue #18, Sonic, Tails, and Amy were talking about Shadow, but I haven't actually seen him in the comic series. I think you should put Shadow in.

TRISTAN C.  
AIRZONA

Don't you fret, Tristan...We have big plans for Shadow! Keep reading Sonic and Sonic X for more details (SHAMELESS PLUG #1)!

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I just want to say: Shadow RULES!

Jeez... Another Shadow fan? How many of you are there out there? (hint: write in and let us know!)

Is there a Super Shadow?

Of course there's a Super Shadow... Besides the game appearances (Sonic Adventure 2, for example), Super Shadow has made appearances in Sonic the Hedgehog issues #125 and, more recently, #169. Check out the back issue ads (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)!

Could you come out with a Shadow mini-series?

- HUNTER B.  
MAINE

No plans now for a Shadow mini-series, but again, fear not all you Shadow fans: you haven't heard the last of our favorite misunderstood hedgehog!

Dear Sonic X-Grams: Hey, peeps! OMG, you should totally make a Shadow the Hedgehog mini-series. I love him! I have his game and "Project Shadow" from Sonic X. He may be over 50, but he's really rad.

LACY H.  
RHODE ISLAND

What is this, Red & Black Hedgehog Month? Didn't you read the other responses?! And yeah, I wouldn't mention the whole "50 years old" thing to Shad... He gets a bit testy about his age.

## NEXT ISSUE: 33



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